

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005. In this amendment, claim 22 has been amended, claims 23-32 have been canceled, and new claims 33-58 are added.

The Applicant expresses his appreciation to the Examiner for taking the time to conduct a productive and helpful telephone interview on March 8, 2006. Discussed during the interview were possible changes that could be made to claim 22 to overcome the Bennett reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,444,615). The changes discussed were similar to those made in this amendment. Also discussed was annotation art generally, including U.S. Patent No. 5,146,552. The Examiner's insights and comments regarding the art relevant to this application are greatly appreciated. No agreement was reached on any particular claims during the interview.

In the Office Action dated October 17, 2005, the Examiner notes that the information disclosure statement dated December 5, 2003 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) to the extent that documents identified as references DJ, DK, and DW were not provided. In this response, additional copies of those references are being submitted. Each of the submitted references is two pages in length. Consideration of these references is respectfully requested.

The Examiner also notes that the Applicant is required to update the status of all parent priority applications in the first line of the specification. It is believed that the paragraph added in the preliminary amendment filed August 29, 2003 in this application contains status information that is up to date for all parent priority applications.

Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 22-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,444,615 (the "Bennett patent"). The Applicant has amended claim 22 in this response to more effectively highlight the distinctions between the invention recited in claim 22 and the Bennett patent. Amended claim 22 now requires the acts of

determining, without assistance from any user operating the client computer, that a second document available on the network includes a reference to the first document, . . .

. . .
automatically displaying, without requiring further input from the user, a link to the second document, . . . where the display of the link to the second document informs the user, for the first time, of the existence of the second document. . .

The foregoing limitations of amended claim 22, when combined with the other limitations in claim 22, are not taught by the Bennett reference. Note that the portion of the Bennett reference relied upon by the Examiner at col. 19, lines 3-16 ("window 211 displays a stack of all associated data items pointed to . . .") involves associations that are setup by the user of the system. See col. 18, lines 57-59 ("After reviewing the headnotes, the attorney decides to . . . specifically associate the document 232 with the headnote 221."). For at least this reason, claim 22 is allowable over the Bennett reference.

It is believed that new independent claims 33, 46, and 54 are also allowable over the Bennett reference. For example, claim 33 requires:

determining that a second web page available on the network refers to a first content portion, where the first content portion is one of the plurality of content portions created by the first author and included within the first web page, where the act of determining is performed without requiring the first author to search for the second web page, and without assistance from any user operating the client computer . . .

These limitations of claim 33, when combined with the other limitations in claim 33, are not taught by the Bennett reference, and therefore, claim 33 is also allowable over the Bennett reference.

Claims 46 and 54 are detailed system claims reciting limitations distinguishing them from the Bennett reference. Claim 46 requires, for example:

determining that a second web page available on the network contains a reference to the content created by the first author . . . without requiring the first author to search for the second web page, and without requiring assistance from any user operating the client computer

These limitations of claim 46, when combined with the other limitations in claim 46, are not taught by the Bennett reference. Claim 54, also a system claim, requires:

after detecting that a fourth web page available on the network includes a reference to the content created by the first author, responding to . . . a request for the first web page received from a client computer that has not accessed the fourth web page.

These limitations of claim 54, when combined with the other limitations in claim 54, are also not taught by the Bennett reference. Accordingly, both claims 46 and 54 are also allowable over the Bennett reference.

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definition to establish
"moral turpitude"

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FILE: USAPP
ENTER:
is it permissible to release the
"serial security numbers" of
registered voters

MANDATORY TERMS
"social security numbers", voters
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FILE: CASES
ENTER:
is it required to establish scienter
in "10b)" ("10b-5") cases

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ENTER:
will the revisions to the rules of
civil procedure have any effect
on discovery

RESTRICTIONS: qf 6 30 93

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Figure 1.
Search Options
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1000 ASSOCIATION	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
POLITICAL	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
UNRELATED	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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<1> Document does
<2> Why

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Figure 2.
WHERE
Screen



Figure 3.
WHY
Screen

Summary of retrieved with search terms (why)

Documents Retrieved	Documents Matched	Term Importance (1-100)
1000 ASSOCIATION	25	6.42
POLITICAL	25	18.55
UNRELATED	25	40.70
MANDATORY	22	42.84
ENCLOSURE	25	71.80
ACTIVITIES	25	173.84
PAYMENT	25	24.778
REQUIRE	25	190.19
DUES	10	-
Total Document: 25		

More than one case of terms

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